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AG PRICE INDEXES LOWER

The **Index of Prices Received** by farmers and ranchers in **Wyoming** for agricultural commodities sold during November was 97 percent of the 1990-1992 base. The index was down 3 points (3 percent) from last month and also down 3 points (3 percent) from November 2001. The All Livestock Index was down 7 points (7 percent) from last month and down 5 points (5 percent) from last year. The prices for steers and heifers, calves, sheep, and lambs were higher than last month, but the price for cows was lower. The All Crops Index was down 2 points (2 percent) from last month, but up 6 points (5 percent) from November 2001. The price for feed barley was higher than last month, but prices for corn, oats, wheat, and dry beans were lower than last month. Prices for alfalfa hay and other hay were unchanged from last month. The seasonal changes in the mix of commodities farmers sell also affect the overall indexes. Fewer sales of calves and lambs lowered the livestock index from the previous month.

The **Index of Prices Received for Livestock**, at 90, was down 7 points from October and 5 points lower than November 2001. Sheep prices

were \$2.50 higher than last month and \$1.50 higher than last year. Lamb prices averaged \$1.40 higher than last month and \$31.50 higher than November 2001. Steer and heifer prices were up \$1.20 from October, but \$3.20 lower than last year. Cow prices were down \$1.30 from last month and \$4.10 lower than last November. Calf prices were up 20 cents from last month, but down \$7.10 from last year.

The **Index of Prices Received for Crops**, at 129, was down 2 points from last month, but up 6 points from last year. Wheat was down 32 cents from last month, but still \$1.64 higher than November 2001. Alfalfa hay was unchanged from last month but was down \$1.00 from last year. Other hay prices were from October, but down \$1.00 from last year. The average corn price was down 7 cents from last month and 4 cents lower than November 2001. Oats was down 5 cents from October, but 63 cents higher than last year. Feed barley was 4 cents higher than last month, but 2 cents lower than last year. Dry beans was down 90 cents from October and \$1.10 lower than last year.

UNITED STATES: The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in November is 97, based on 1990-92=100, up 1 point (1 percent) from the October index. Higher prices for soybeans, eggs, cattle, and tomatoes more than offset lower prices for hogs, milk, lettuce, and corn. The seasonal change in the mix of commodities farmers sell also affects the overall index. Increased marketings of cotton, milk, cattle, and cottonseed offset decreased marketings of soybeans, peanuts, potatoes, and sunflower.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index is 4 points (4 percent) above November 2001. Higher prices for corn, soybeans, wheat, and cattle more than offset lower prices for broilers, hogs, turkeys, and calves.

PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS AND RANCHERS, NOVEMBER 2001, OCTOBER 2002, AND NOVEMBER 15, 2002 U.S. PRICES AS PERCENT OF PARITY									
COMMODITY	UNIT	WYOMING			UNITED STATES				
		NOV 2001	OCT 2002	NOV 15 2002	NOV 2001	OCT 2002	NOV 15 2002	% OF PARITY	
		Dollars			Dollars			Percent	
LIVESTOCK AND PRODUCTS									
	Cows	100#	36.60	33.80	32.50	35.80	33.60	32.60	—
	Steers & Heifers	100#	86.30	81.90	83.10	67.80	68.50	70.90	—
	Calves	100#	98.40	91.10	91.30	96.70	91.90	90.40	43
	Sheep	100#	25.50	24.50	27.00	27.10	26.50	1/	—
	Lambs	100#	56.50	86.60	88.00	52.80	79.90	1/	—
CROPS									
	Corn	Bu.	2.49	2.52	2.45	1.85	2.34	2.30	35
	Oats	Bu.	1.52	2.20	2.15	1.79	1.85	1.87	47
	Feed Barley	Bu.	2.17	2.11	2.15	1.79	2.25	2.33	—
	All Wheat	Bu.	2.71	4.67	4.35	2.87	4.37	4.23	44
	Dry Beans	100#	18.60	18.40	17.50	22.70	16.70	16.70	34
	Alfalfa Hay (Baled)	Ton	112.00	111.00	111.00	104.00	101.00	101.00	—
	Other Hay (Baled)	Ton	107.00	106.00	106.00	74.90	73.40	75.40	—
1/Mid-month prices discontinued January 1996. NOTE: Entire month price is a revision of previous mid-month price except for hay which is always a mid-month price.									
INDEX OF PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS & RANCHERS, WYOMING & U.S.									
1990-92 = 100		WYOMING			UNITED STATES				
		NOV 2001	OCT 2002	NOV 15 2002	NOV 2001	OCT 2002	NOV 15 2002		
All Commodities		100	100	97	93	96	97		
All Crops		123	131	129	89	102	104		
All Livestock and Products		95	97	90	99	87	89		

WYOMING DRY BEAN PRODUCTION RECOVERS FROM LAST YEAR

The December 1 production estimate for **Wyoming's** dry bean crop indicates production is up 16 percent from last year but still 22 percent below 2000. The 2002 production increased to 594,000 hundredweight, due mostly to 3,000 more acres planted and harvested than last year.

All dry bean production is estimated at 594,000 hundredweight, up from 514,000 in 2001. A total of 27,000 acres were harvested with an average yield of 2,200 pounds per acre. Yield was up 60 pounds per acre from last year, but down 40 pounds from the 2000 crop. **Pinto bean** production rose 10 percent to 484,000 hundredweight or 81 percent of the total. Production of **great northern beans** fell 11 percent to 41,000 hundredweight or 7 percent of the total. **Navy beans** comprised 6 percent of the total at 34,000 hundredweight and the remaining 35,000 hundredweight, or 6 percent of the production, was in various other varieties.

UNITED STATES: Dry edible bean production is forecast at 30.2 million hundredweight for 2002, up 9 percent from the October forecast and 54 percent above last year. This increase is a rebound from last year's drought reduced production in eastern and central States. Harvested area is forecast at 1.74 million acres, 3 percent above the last forecast and 39 percent above 2001. The average yield of 1,733 pounds per acre climbed 101 pounds above the October forecast and is 164 pounds greater than a year ago. Production is above a year ago in 10 of the 18 producing States.

Production of pinto beans in the U.S. totaled 12.98 million hundredweight in 2002, up 49 percent from last year and up 22 percent from 2000. Great northern bean production dropped 26 percent from last year to 1.56 million hundredweight, and navy bean production more than doubled from 2.31 million hundredweight last year to 5.31 million in 2002.

ACREAGE, YIELD, AND PRODUCTION 2001; FINAL SMALL GRAINS AND DECEMBER 1 ROW CROP FORECASTS, 2002

Crop	Planted		Harvested		Yield per Harvested Acre		Production		
	2001	2002	2001	Dec 2002	2001	Dec 2002	2001	Dec 2002	02/01 %
	1,000 Acres		1,000 Acres		1,000				
WYOMING									
Corn-Grain (bu) 1/	90	80	51	44	125	2/	6,375	2/	
Winter Wheat (bu) 3/	160	150	120	120	24	19	2,880	2,280	79%
Spring Wheat (bu) 3/	8	9	6	4	28	24	168	96	57%
Oats (bu) 3/	75	70	28	15	48	54	1,344	810	60%
Barley (bu) 3/	100	90	85	70	82	70	6,970	4,900	70%
Sugarbeets (tons) 4/	48.5	40.0	41.6	36.5	20.6	18.5	857	675	79%
Dry Beans (cwt)	27	30	24	27	21.4	22.0	514	594	116%
Alfalfa Hay (tons) 5/	—	—	580	580	2.20	2.20	1,276	1,276	100%
Other Hay (tons) 5/	—	—	550	590	1.10	1.10	605	649	107%
All Hay (tons) 5/	—	—	1,130	1,170	1.66	1.65	1,881	1,925	102%
UNITED STATES									
Corn-Grain (bu) 1/	75,752	78,847	68,808	70,541	138.2	127.6	9,506,840	9,003,364	95%
Winter Wheat (bu) 3/	41,078	41,735	31,295	29,651	43.5	38.5	1,361,479	1,142,802	84%
Spring Wheat (bu) 3/	15,609	15,714	14,549	13,463	35.2	29.3	512,008	394,189	77%
Oats (bu) 3/	4,403	5,005	1,905	2,098	61.4	56.8	117,024	119,132	102%
Barley (bu) 3/	4,967	5,073	4,289	4,135	58.2	54.9	249,420	226,873	91%
Sugarbeets (tons) 4/	1,370.8	1,408.8	1,243.6	1,356.3	20.7	20.7	25,787	28,028	109%
Dry Beans (cwt)	1,435.9	1,919.7	1,248.5	1,739.9	15.69	17.33	19,583	30,150	154%
Alfalfa Hay (tons) 5/	—	—	23,812	24,134	3.37	3.09	80,266	74,655	93%
Other Hay (tons) 5/	—	—	39,699	40,575	1.93	1.87	76,437	75,792	99%
All Hay (tons) 5/	—	—	63,511	64,709	2.47	2.32	156,703	150,447	96%

1/Corn planted for all purposes, harvested for grain.

2/Forecasts no longer made. Final estimates released January 10, 2003.

3/End of year estimate carried forward.

4/Forecast carried forward from November.

5/Forecast carried forward from October.

U.S. CATTLE ON FEED DOWN 9 PERCENT

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.7 million head on November 1, 2002. Inventory was 9 percent below both November 1, 2001 and November 1, 2000.

Placements in October totaled 2.39 million, 12 percent below 2001 and 16 percent below 2000. Placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 809,000, 600-699 pounds were 638,000, 700-799 pounds were 521,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 420,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during October totaled 1.98 million, 4 percent above 2001 and 3 percent below 2000.

Cattle on feed October 1, 2002, in the historic 7 monthly States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 9.3 million, down 9 percent from both the previous year and November 1, 2000.

CATTLE ON FEED: 1000+ CAPACITY FEEDLOTS, SELECTED STATES AND UNITED STATES, NOV. 1, 2001-2002 1/

State	On Feed Oct 1, 2002	Place- ments Oct 2002	Market- ings Oct 2002	Other Disapp. Oct 2002	On Feed Nov 1, 2002	On Feed Nov 1, 2001
Thousand Head						
CO	1,030	250	210	10	1,060	1,170
KS	2,280	455	410	25	2,300	2,670
NE	1,960	520	360	10	2,110	2,200
TX	2,720	600	570	20	2,730	3,080
Oth Sts.	2,426	563	429	19	2,541	2,743
U.S.	10,416	2,388	1,979	84	10,741	11,863

1/ Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

U.S. BEEF PRODUCTION AT RECORD HIGH FOR OCTOBER

Commercial red meat production in *Wyoming* during October 2002 totaled 200,000 pound, this is down 45 percent from September 2002 but up 3 percent from October 2001. Commercial red meat production excludes animals slaughtered on farms.

Three hundred *cattle* were slaughtered, unchanged from October 2001. Total liveweight was 346,000 pounds, up 7 percent from last year. Average liveweight of cattle slaughtered was 1,190 pounds, 47 pounds lighter than a year ago.

Two hundred *hogs* and *pigs* were processed, also unchanged from last year. Total liveweight, at 47,000 pounds, was down 13 percent from October 2001. Average liveweight of hogs slaughtered was 249 pounds, down 8 pounds from last year.

One hundred *sheep* and *lambs* were processed totaling 9,000 pounds liveweight. Average liveweight of sheep and lambs slaughtered was 142 pounds, up 2 pounds from a year earlier.

January - October red meat production was 4.5 million pounds, up 18 percent from last year.

UNITED STATES: Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.38 billion pounds in October, up 3 percent from the 4.27 billion pounds produced in October 2001 and a new record high for October.

Beef production, at 2.51 billion pounds, was 5 percent above the previous year and a new record high for October. Cattle slaughter totaled 3.27 million head, up 3 percent from October 2001. The average liveweight was 1,270 pounds, up 23 pounds from October a year ago.

Pork production totaled 1.83 billion pounds, down slightly from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 9.40 million head, 1 percent above October 2001. The average liveweight was 264 pounds, down 3 pounds from October a year ago.

Lamb and mutton production, at 19.6 million pounds, was down 1 percent from October 2001. Sheep slaughter totaled 300,200 head, 4 percent above last year. The average liveweight was 131 pounds, down 6 pounds from October a year ago.

January - October red meat production was 39.4 billion pounds, 4 percent above the previous year. Accumulated beef production was up 5 percent from last year, pork was up 3 percent, and lamb and mutton production was down 2 percent.

COMMERCIAL LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER, OCTOBER 2001 AND 2002, Wyoming and U.S.

SPECIES	WYOMING					UNITED STATES				
	Number of Head		Total Liveweight			Number of Head		Total Liveweight		
	Oct 2001	Oct 2002	Oct 2001	Oct 2002	% 02/01	Oct 2001	Oct 2002	Oct 2001	Oct 2002	% 02/01
	1,000 Pounds					1,000 Pounds				
Cattle	300	300	322	346	107	3,162,000	3,266,600	3,943,776	4,148,613	105
Hogs	200	200	54	47	87	9,334,200	9,402,900	2,488,339	2,482,579	100
Sheep & Lambs	100	100	8	9	113	289,100	300,200	39,721	39,285	99